

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A recombinant BCG vaccine ~~for inducing an immune reaction against human immunodeficiency virus infection~~ being transformed with an expression vector that has a polynucleotide encoding an antigenic human immunodeficiency virus protein, wherein the polynucleotide is artificially modified so that the third position of each codon is substituted with G or C without changing the amino acid encoded by the codon.

2. (Currently Amended) The recombinant BCG ~~vaccine~~ of Claim 1, wherein the first and second positions of each codon are further substituted with G or C without changing the amino acid encoded by the codon.

3. (Cancelled)